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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated July 16, 2002, kindly enter the following amendments:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Kindly Insert the Following Paragraph at Page 22, line 16:

BI
A method and an apparatus for the storage and transfer of a lyophilisate is disclosed. An ampule prior to its sealment has an orifice at one end for the addition of the lyophilisate. The ampule has a body portion formed with flexibly deformable walls and defines a blind bore. After placement of the lyophilisate, the orifice is closed. An opening of the ampule is also included and has a tapered section adapted to frictionally fit over a taper of a male luer-type fitting commonly found on syringes and needleless cannulas. The opening is protected by a frangible cap integrally formed during manufacture. By removing the cap and docking the opening with a syringe, liquid enters the ampule for mixing with the dry contents in the ampule. After mixing the